

STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The Student Dress Code of Lincoln County School District #2 reflects the mission of the Board, which includes providing a safe, non-distracting, and welcoming learning atmosphere. As such, we believe that our school dress code should contribute to a safe and respectful learning and teaching environment. As a board, we believe that the responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code is primarily that of the students and the parents/guardians of the students.

Lincoln County School District #2 does not desire that our employees spend inordinate amounts of time policing fashion.

In order to promote understanding and positive relations with students and parents, Lincoln County School District #2 establishes the following guidelines for dress and appearance in all schools.

STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

1. All clothing shall be clean, neat and unexaggerated.
2. Clothing or tattoos with alcohol or tobacco advertisements, inappropriate writing, or bathroom humor may not be worn.
3. Pants need to be secured at the waist so that underclothing is not showing. Clothes that have holes in them may not be worn.
4. Immodest, tight fitting or overly loose clothing shall not be worn.
5. When shorts, skorts, skirts, or dresses are worn, the bottom of the hem must touch the kneecap.
6. Bare midriff shirts, sleeveless shirts, blouses, tank tops, or any other type of clothing that permits underclothing or skin normally covered by underclothing to be seen while standing, sitting or bending, are not to be worn.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times. Wheels, noisemakers, or damaging equipment on footwear are not permissible.
8. Heavy coats are to be left in lockers. Light jackets, blazers, vests, sweaters, and sweatshirts may be worn to classes. Full length jackets/coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench" coats or "dusters" are not allowed.
9. Hats, bandannas, sunglasses, and pajama pants are not to be worn.
10. Inappropriate types of chokers, heavy chain necklaces, other heavy chains, spike necklaces and wristbands or wallet chains are not allowed.
11. Distracting hair styles (for example high spiked hair, hair carvings, mohawks) or unnatural hair colorings (for example bright green, purple, fluorescent orange) are not allowed.
12. Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears only. Due to safety reasons nose rings, lip rings, tongue piercing rings, or any other body piercing is not permitted at school. (Limited to a maximum of 2 earrings per ear.)
13. A voluntary school uniform will always satisfy these guidelines.
14. There may be special days when the dress code may be relaxed or altered.

The above guidelines are minimal requirements for schools established by the district. School administrators in consultation with faculty, parents, and students may establish more guidelines, as needed, for their schools.

A protocol for dealing with non-compliance of these guidelines has been established at each school. Training for school personnel on how to address non-compliance of the dress code will be provided on a regular basis.

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PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE DISTRICT DRESS AND APPEARANCE CODE

We believe that students and parents will use common sense in dress and appearance. We reserve the right to determine student compliance on dress code and appearance in relation to our policy.

We believe that within cultural norms and limits designated by the schools, students have a right to choose what they wear and how they appear. With every right comes a responsibility. With the right to choose what to wear and how to appear, comes the responsibility and the expectations to conform with generally accepted community, cultural standards of dress and appearance and not affront community standards.

Schools will train personnel in this protocol as the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the code rests on all school personnel. Because teachers and administrators interact most closely with students on a regular basis the primary responsibility for ensuring compliance will rest with them.

School personnel will be expected to communicate with students whenever they observe non-compliance with the code. In doing so they will be discreet and courteous, attempting at all times to preserve the dignity of the student.

Students who attend school or school functions (an activity designed primarily for students and not generally regarded as a public activity) dressed inappropriately will be required to change clothes before attending class or the school function.

Generally, schools will administer the dress code policy following their school discipline policy.

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